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LAKE TROLLINGWOOD, INC. LAKE TROLLINGWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION



14 May 2006

✓ South Carolina Public Service Commission
 Docketing Department
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Re:

Docket No. 2006-107-W/S

Application of United Utility Companies, Inc. for

Approval of an Adjustment of Rates and Charges for the Provision

of Water and Sewer Service

Dear Sir/Madam:

As president of the Lake Trollingwood Homeowners Association, I represent residents in the Lake Trollingwood allotment in southern Greenville County. United Utility Companies Inc. provides residential water and sewer service to our homes. The proposed new schedule of rates and charges for water and sewer service per Docket No. 2006-107-W/S is excessive.

Pursuant to your Notice of Filing and Hearing dated 21 April 2006, I am enclosing the original and two copies of Lake Trollingwood, Inc.'s Petition to Intervene and request to testify at a Public Service Commission hearing that the homeowners wish to be held in Greenville County, our county of residence, pursuant to the guidelines set forth in the above referenced docket.

Please be advised that I will appear and testify on behalf of the Trollingwood subdivision. There will be other representatives from the community whose names I will provide to the Commission as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions with regard to this matter or the enclosed Petition to Intervene, please notify me of the same.

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Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A.

Sincerely,

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President, Lake Trollingwood, Inc.

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-107-W/S

IN RE: Application of United Utility Companies, Inc for Approval of an Adjustment of Rates and charges for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service;

PETITION OF LAKE TROLLINGWOOD, INC. TO INTERVENE

TO: SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Petitioner, Lake Trollingwood, Inc., would respectfully show unto The Public Service Commission of South Carolina as follows:

- 1. That Petitioner, Lake Trollingwood, Inc., is a homeowners association that represents 56 homeowners in the Trollingwood subdivision located in southern Greenville County. These homeowners constitute Trollingwood Phase I and Trollingwood Phase II.
- 2. That Petitioner is informed and believes that it is two of seventeen total customers of United Utility in South Carolina and that it has an interest in the rate increases charged by United Utility.
- 3. That Petitioner was the previous owner of the water and sewerage system (Trollingwood Water and Sewerage Utilities) that provided service to residents of the Trollingwood subdivision prior to 1983 when it was acquired by R & R Environmental Systems, Inc. R & R Environmental then conveyed the water and sewerage system to United Utility.
- 4. That Petitioner is informed and believes that, as a customer of United Utility in Greenville County, South Carolina and because of its unique relationship with the wastewater

treatment plant, being the former owner of the same in Greenville County, South Carolina, it should be permitted to intervene in the above-captioned matter as a party defendant in opposing the rate increases sought by United Utility.

- 5. That Petitioner is informed and believes that the Commission must balance competing interest, those of utilities to receive a return on its investment and those of the consumer to receive a quality product for a just and reasonable price, and the proposal by United Utilities is a "shock" rate to its customers, including the Petitioner.
- 6. That the proposed rate increase set forth in United Utility's filing of 21 April 2006 is exorbitant and will cause substantial harm to the economic viability of the residents of the Trollingwood subdivision.
- 7. That the Petitioner expressly opposes any modification to the terms and conditions under which a resident will be billed for water and sewer services. Furthermore, the Petitioner opposes any additional language requiring customers of United Utility to conduct cross-connecting testing and to add a charge for the same.
- 8. Petitioner also opposes any additional terms and conditions pertaining to the extension of United Utility's facilities in Greenville County and the deletion of certain provisions pertaining to payments to defray federal taxes arising out of contributions in aid of construction. Petitioners are informed and believe that said proposed changes would work an undue hardship upon the Petitioner and other customers of United Utility and that the Commission is charged with the responsibility of overseeing rates of United Utility which would be fair and reasonable to rate payers such as the Petitioner and that the proposed rate changes by United Utility are neither fair nor reasonable.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays unto The Public Service Commission of South Carolina that it grant unto Petitioner leave to intervene as a party defendant in the above-captioned matter and to appear at a public hearing in Greenville County on or before 28 August 2006 to testify and introduce evidence in connection with the proposed rate increase of United Utility.

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